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- 1 This is a very complicated issue. At this time I strongly believe that the NO ACTION alternative is the best choice.
- 2 The EIS needs to include the following:
  1. Specific maps and routing data with number of casks, type of transportation, alternative routes in case of inclement weather or traffic issues
  - 3 2. Training for medical and emergency personnel not just for human casualties in case of accident, but for environmental casualties as well. These trainings need to be specific to the areas which they happen (i.e. removal of casks from difficult terrain, immediate damage control, isolation for irradiated humans in public hospitals, etc.). These trainings must also take place all along each proposed route.
  - 4 3. Investigate and take into account the most current data on train derailments, congestion, weather issues, trucking accidents along the proposed routes. Which areas are high, what factors contribute, are alternate routes available on short notice. is there anywhere that a truck or train shipment may be stopped for long periods of time due to weather or accidents, and given this possibility are there locations where the shipments can safely be held until the problem is resolved (weather clears, train wreckage cleared, etc).
  - 5 4. Is it a sound idea to spend all of the money and take the risk to move all of this dangerous material to one location that has fault lines running through and around it?
  - 6.. 5. Considering the magnitude of this problem, and the longevity of the dangerous materials created, decommissioning of all toxic long half-life nuclear waste creating industries should be part of this study. The Gov't, etc., is ignoring the fact that

...6 the source of this problem is not being discontinued, but is indeed being encouraged to create even more waste by giving them more storage space!

7 6. If this project is bent on being accomplished, please consider alternative sites that are not so geologically unstable. Address the issues of construction being started before the site is approved; other sites no longer being investigated due to funding or political pressure.

8 As they say, "humans, we could have been so great...but we suck."

Too bad all of this wasn't thought about before we jumped into this nuclear age. Too bad our species doesn't have foresight and believes itself to be the caretakers of this beautiful planet. We certainly aren't well adapted to the job even if it were ours, which it isn't.

Do something right. I know everyone is thinking of trying to mitigate a bad situation. Think Think Think before any action is taken.

thanks  
-robin

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